[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

(2) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of question No. 168, published on page 581 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings, as also to the answer to his question No. 221, published on page 601, of Vol. X of the Council Proceedings.

(3) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (2) above.

(4) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies reports that the information cannot be easily collected. A statement* of societies registered is laid on the table.

(5) The member is referred to page 7 of the printed Annual Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for 1101. The figures for the current year would be available only after the annual audit.

Superintendent, S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil.

167. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points in respect of the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil :—

(*a*) the name of the present Superintendent ;

(*b*) whether he tendered his resignation ; if so, its date ;

(*c*) whether he withdrew the resignation ;

(*d*) how many times he has so resigned and the reason in each case ;

(*e*) whether they have taken any action on the resignation ; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Police authorities also have made enquiries about him ; if so, the nature and result of the enquiry ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. K S. Pillai.

(*b*) Yes. He tendered his resignation twice *viz.*, in September 1925 and in June 1926.

(*c*) He withdrew his first resignation.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*). His first resignation was tendered on the ground of illness. No reason was assigned for his second resignation.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. He accused one of his peons of having the intention of putting his life in danger. The Inspector of Police, Kottar, made an enquiry and reported that Mr. K. S. Pillai was suffering from monomania. The Government have ordered his examination by a Medical Board, and are considering proposals for transferring him elsewhere.

Particulars re Sericulture in the State.

168. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long is it since the Agricultural Department began experiments in sericulture in the State ;

(*b*) the cost, both recurring and non-recurring, incurred up to date (12-7-1927) on sericultural activities ;

* *Vide* Appendix III C—page 860.

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(*c*) the progress that has been made in establishing sericulture as a regular industry ; and

(*d*) whether, in the light of the experiments already made, there are reasonable prospects of sericulture proving a profitable industry in the State ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About 16 years.

(*b*) Total of recurring expenditure—Rs. 50,692-8 chs.

Total of non-recurring expenditure—Rs. 4,210-15 chs. 14 c.

(*c*) and (*d*) An extract* from a recent report of the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, containing the information required by the member, is laid on the table.

Strength of the Arts College.

169. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the total strength of the Arts College in the beginning of the last academic year (1926-1927) and in the beginning of the present academic year (1927-1928) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 617 at the beginning of 1926-27 and 559 on the 19th July 1927, the beginning of the academic year 1927-28.

Liquor and Opium Shops in Trivandrum Town.

170. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state the number of arrack, toddy opium and foreign liquor shops situated in the Trivandrum town ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The information is furnished below :

Arrack shops	...	18
Toddy „	...	14
Opium „	...	1
Foreign liquor „	...	5

School for Mental Defectives.

171. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state if any school for mental defectives has been opened anywhere or whether this question has engaged their attention ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

Inefficient Officers of the Excise Department.

172. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of officers in the Excise Department who were promoted to higher grades, but who have been subsequently found to be unfit for the places to which they were promoted, during the last three years (1099-1101) ; and

* *Vide* Appendix IV—pages 860 and 861.

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